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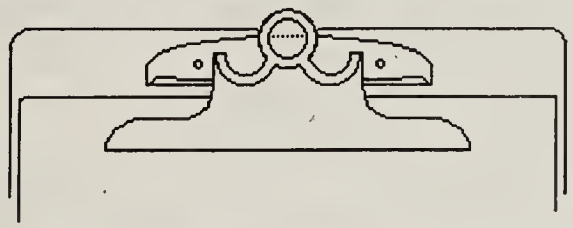

- Sunday, Oct. 18: Mrs. Theresa Massoels had her daughter baptized into the Catholic faith during the 11:15am mass at the Saint Joseph's Chapel.

- Monday, Oct. 19 - Sunday, Oct. 25: Saint Joseph's College is observing Alcohol Awareness Week.

- Wednesday, Oct. 21: Saint Joseph's College celebrated the feast of Saint Gaspar del Bufalo.

- Friday, Oct. 23 - Sunday, Oct. 25: Little Siblings Weekend on Saint Joseph's College campus.

- Sunday, Oct. 25: Peer Ministry is hosting a chili dinner at Lake Banet starting at 4:30pm.

- Wednesday, Oct. 28: SUB is sponsoring a lip sync competition in the ballroom at 8:00pm.

- Thursday, Oct. 29: Freshman Corn Maze from 5:00pm-7:30pm.

- Saturday, Oct. 31: HALLOWEEN

- Monday, Nov, 2: Feast of All Saints

"Lil' Sibs, Big Weekend"

by Maura Giles

The weekend of Oct. 23-25 is Saint Joseph's annual Lil' Sibs Weekend. The SUB sponsored event is a time for all SJC students to invite their siblings to Saint Joe for the weekend.

This is not going to be your ordinary weekend. There will be fun-filled events going on all weekend on the SJC campus. Siblings must be registered at either 5:00pm on Friday or 10:00am on Saturday. After registration on Friday, SUB will be hosting the big screen movie "Mulan" in the auditorium at 7:00pm.

On Saturday from 11:00am-5:00pm in the ballroom, you and or your siblings are invited to make your own music video. After making your music video and working up an appetite, you can stay in the ballroom and enjoy a pizza party beginning at 5:00pm. If your sibs didn't get enough to eat and still need some candy, there will be an all campus trick-or-treat from 6:00-7:30pm so make sure they bring a costume. Following the trick-or-treat, there will be fun and games in the Rec Center at 8:00pm. Invite your sibs, and prepare to have fun.

The cost for Lil' Sibs Weekend is: ages 6 and under= $7.00 (Sunday brunch free), ages 7-12= $7.00 or $10.00 with Sunday brunch, ages 13 and over= $8.00 or $12.00 with Sunday brunch.

"Amnesty International"

by Charles Martin

Amnesty International has started up again at SJC. Amnesty International is a private, nonprofit organization devoted to preventing human rights violations throughout the world. Many colleges and private individuals are members and take an active part in the activities. Some involvement includes letter writing to foreign leaders and even political and human rights rallies.

Amnesty International was founded on the belief that one person can really make a difference in the world. Through the actions of students and citizens throughout the U.S., prisoners of conscience and those repressed for their beliefs now have a voice. Something as little as writing letters to other world leaders and urging them to act on human rights violations can make a difference. Even at home, in the U.S., are issues that do not necessarily make the news, but are still important.

If you want to help with the SJC chapter, contact Fr. Challancin at ex. 6352 or Charles Martin at ex.5326. Even coming to one meeting to see what it's like can help out. Human rights belong to everyone, so come take a stand.

Fresh New Face: John Christopher Groppe Jr.

by Kristen Hall

There is a new face in the computer science department. Professor John Christopher Groppe Jr. became one of the Puma family this fall. He received his Bachelor's degree at Benedicton University in Physics in 1994.

He then graduated from Indiana University in January of 1997 with his master's in computer science. Before coming to Saint Joe's, he worked at the University of Illinois developing a computer based quizzing program. He then wanted to try his hand at teaching.

Professor Groppe came to Saint Joe for many reasons. His father is a faculty member in the English department. A Rensselaer native, he knew that SJC had a small campus and a close-knit campus community.

John Christopher Groppe Jr. is an asset to the computer science department as a professor of Intro to Spreadsheets, Computer Science, and Advanced Computer Applications.

Groppe is a very busy man off-campus as well. He is the proud father of a two-year-old daughter, Sara, and of a four-month-old daughter, Claire. John enjoys bicycling in his spare time.

The Saint Joseph College community would like to extend a warm welcome to Professor John Christopher Groppe Jr., SJC's fresh new face.

Speak Up or Shut Up

by:
William Shannon

Whether you realize it or not, you have lost one of your favorite pastimes.

With the "Student Satisfaction Survey," the celebrated hobby of complaining about conditions at Saint Joseph's has become a thing of the past. How has this happened?

You were given the chance to openly voice your opinions and concerns about life here (kudos to Mike Singleton and the rest of the folks responsible for this project).

If you did, great; you took the time to voice your opinion in a constructive manner.

If you did not bother to do this, you can quit complaining right now.

You can sit down and shut up while the concerned students of Saint Joseph's College talk about the issues with the administration in hopes of finding a solution.

You had your chance, and you blew it.

Live with the consequences.

Co-Ed Dorms: Here's What They Said...

...David DeLauro

Religio, Scientia, Moralitas...The motto of Saint Joseph's College. These are three simple Latin words that have profound value to SJC and if one was to look at the seal that contains these three words one would see that 'Moralitas' is on the top of the seal. Moralitas is the Latin word for 'morals' or something that is virtuous, ethical, or the law of the consciance. Saint Joseph+s College has stood behind this word for many, many years now but recentlly this value has been drawn into question. The crafty idea of turning SJC into a place where men and women live in the same dorm has been accually considered as being valid question to be looked over. I can understand how in today's society, when the nightly news has become all but pornographic, one would even consider making it easier for men an women to have sex with one another by letting them live in the same dorm. One might also say that it is going on now anyway so why not make it legal. Well, I have this to say: People are robbing stores now and they will be until the end of time and going along with the previous logic we as a society should make this act legal because there is no way to stop it. In fact lets stop using expensive alram systems because people should be able to do what they want. Now, come on, I know perfectly well that that sound extreamly ignorant but that is what is being considered here at SJC. Letting students of differing genders live in the same dorms is just lending itself to becomeing a breeding ground(in more ways than one) of sexual imorallity. Now, most people will avoid this issue of immorallity because in todays day and age morality has become forgotten basterd child of society in it politically correct ways but I am not about to let this lack of morallity lend itself to harboring immorallity and I don't think Saint Joseph's College, a school founded on morality, should either.

...Ann Zurawski

In my opinion Co-ed dorms would be an asset to everyone who would be living in them By living with the opposite sex a person becomes better prepared to live with the opposite sex during their life. They are then better aware of how the opposite sex reacts to certain situations and how they are influenced by their environment. It also opens up the opportunity for new relationships to form. Then the people living in the dorms can form sexual and more mature relationships. The relationship is then based on how it would be if the couple were to be living together or married. I also believe that the co-ed dorms should be open to all ages, not just upper classmen. That way everyone could experience the benefits of living with the opposite sex.

...Jennifer Price

I have no problem at all with co-ed dorms. Colleges all over the country have co-ed dorms and if they were a horrible problem I don't think any college would want to mess with them. Some people have suggested that co-ed dorms are a security problem and that there is greater potential for trouble, but I think if people are going to get together and party or whatever that they're going to do it whether they live in the same dorm or on opposite ends of a college campus. As long as people in a dorm situation are respectful of quiet hours and things like that I don't think it matters if the dorm is co-ed or not.

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Senate Update

by Mike Nichols

At its meeting on October 5th, the student Senate approved a motion to recommend a $20 increase in tuition to support a student yearbook. The yearbook proposal now moves to the Student Life Committee.

At its October 19th meeting, the Student Senate will conduct budgetary business and hear a new proposal by Ernest Watson for dealing with dormitory fines.

THEATER

Columbian Players on the Stage and on the Road

by Maura Giles

The Columbian Players are putting on the play "Arsenic and Old Lace" this year. But Columbian Players is more than just a performance group. Recently, a group of students from the Columbian Players attended a play at the Monon Depot Theatre in Lafayette.

The play was entitled "Flesh and Blood," by Elizabeth Dewberry. The play was a controversial drama about a shattered southern family. It began with a woman in a wedding dress who had just returned from her wedding where she didn't get married. It wasn't until later that we found out that the reason she did not get married was because she was having an affair with her sister's husband.

The play was an excellent example of problems in the world today and how not to solve them. The reason I say how not to solve them, is because the play ended in death, I won't tell you who.

A good time was had by all who attended. The Columbian Players is looking forward to many more trips like this one.

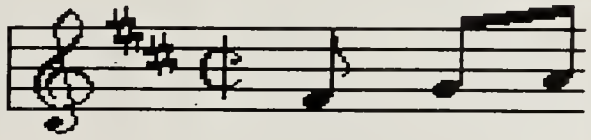
SJC Dance Team Gets in the Groove

by Katie Haendiges

With the upcoming basketball season the SJC dance team is already getting into the groove. The returning team members began working on their skills early this semester and just recently they held tryouts for new members. The tryouts proved to be successful considering the amount of students who tried out for the team. There were only six open spots and over 15 girls tried out. When asked about tryouts captain Susan Welter said, "We were very excited about how many people tried out. It was very hard, however, to narrow down such a large group to six or seven people, but we are confident that our choices will help to better the team as a whole."

The dance team has started up practices for new routines. They have hired a choreographer to come in and work with the group.

Captain Mandy Munson said, "The new dance is hard, but will prove to be well worth our efforts once performed. All of the girls are excited about it." The dance team, which is sponsored by Professor Robb Thiel, works very hard to raise money for all of their activities through donations and fund-raising money. Many fund-raising events, such as car washes are held throughout the year. The dance team will hold their first performance on November 30, in between basketball games.



Get Involved, It's Not Too Late

by Maura Giles

If you are a student and have not joined a club because you think it is too late, you're wrong. Saint Joseph's College is full of activities for all types of students. The best way to find out what's happening and when meetings are is through the SJC bulletin or through the "Editor's News Notes."

SJC has many diverse groups and clubs, such as: Alcohol Peer Education Group, Pro-Life Group, Women's Issues Group, Peer Ministry Group, SUB, MSU, Columbian Players, Bread for the World, Environment Club, Computer Club, Habitat for Humanity,"Measure," yearbook, and "The Observer" just to name a few.

There are many more groups and clubs around SJC and if you are interested in any of them, keep an eye out for upcoming meetings or look up the club on e-mail under "Lists."

Remember: It's never too late to get involved.

Boogie Nights, Saint Joe Style

by Maura Giles

People all over Saint Joe, join hands, and form a love train, love train!

Watch out John Travolta! The puma soul train has arrived! Last Saturday, the Student Union Board hosted a concert and dance on the IM field. Angels Ride,the name of the band, played many of today's popular cover songs.

Students from SJC danced the night away on that cool October evening. They Wang Chunged 'til the sun came up, and partied like it was 1999. Most were out shaking their money-makers while the rest of the student body was Kung-Foo Fighting. That's the way, uh-huh, uh-huh, they liked it, uh-huh, uh-huh. It was a little chilly outside, but the band was Staying Alive with a little help from the mob that was chanting, "Play that funky music, white boy."

The SUB committee knows how to host a party, and the students at Saint Joe know how to Do a Little Dance and they got down that night.

BOOGIE-OOGIE-OOGIE BOOGIE-OOGIE-OOGIE

SJC plans to catch up with '90s

Administration hopes Lilly grant will provide funding for campus renovations and improvements.

by Polly Rainey

We've all done it at some point or another. Much as we love good old SJC, we have all complained about how it looks. The lounges in the dorms are disgusting...Halleck looks the same as it did in 1971...the list goes on and on. But perhaps not for much longer.

The SJC administration is taking hopeful steps to make the campus more enjoyable for students. A proposal was recently submitted for a grant to improve our campus. The entire project will cost over five million dollars. However, many believe it is well worth the money.

The administration is looking at three major aspects to improve our campus: renovating the existing dorms, building new, more efficient dorms, and building a college square. The year 1965 was the last time a dorm was built on campus. Thirty-three years later, the college is taking steps to bring those dorms out of the 60's and into the 90's. All seven of the dorms will have their lounges refurbished and their entrances will be made more attractive. In addition, other dorms will have further renovation based on the individual needs in each of the dorms.

Besides renovating, steps are being taken to give students more of the luxuries of home. SJC plans to build student suites. Each suite would be built to accomodate five students, with all the luxuries of home. Each suite will have a fully functional kitchen with a range, refridgerator, dishwasher, and microwave. Also, each suite will have a living room, will be heated and air conditioned, and wired for cable, internet, and telephone. Additionally, each suite will have a washer and dryer and two bathrooms. There would be 32 suites built for 160 students, which will only be available to upperclassmen.

In order to build community, the administration also proposes to build a Village Square. The bookstore and convenience store, post office, snack bar, core XI, a study and meeting room, and an outdoor gathering area will be relocated into the Village Square. In addition, many of the activities that would have taken place in the Hallack Center would be moved to the Village Square. The idea behind the Village Square is to give students more of a chance to hang out and meet people. It would also allow day students more places to go and would bring more students back to campus after their classes are over.

In December, the administration will be notified as to whether or not they will receive this grant, so everything at this point is just speculation. However, upon the approval of the grant, SJC hopes to have the entire construction done in eight to nine months. And if everything goes well, they ultimately hope to have the construction done before the beginning of classes next fall. In the words of Dr. Shannon, "This is the future of Saint Joseph's College!"

Poetry reading evokes memories

by Melinda Burdan

When I was assigned to attend a poetry reading and write an article on it for the paper, I was not overly enthusiastic. After all, why would a business major want to spend an evening listening to some guy read an hours worth of poetry? I thought that it was going to be the one of the longest evenings of my life. This is what I learned.

On October 15, there was a poetry reading done by poet Jared Carter at Brookside Park. When I first drove up to the park, I began to think about my childhood. There was a fall harvest theme and the park had been decorated with bales of straw and pumpkins. There was even a campfire. The event began with a pumpkin decorating contest for all of the younger kids. While I watched the children decorate their pumpkins and run around playing, I was taken back to the days when I used to be that kid. Underneath that feeling, there was a twinge of homesickness.

The poetry reading surroundings brought back many fond memories of experiences with my family that I had forgotten about. At that moment, I wanted to relive my youth. After that incredible moment of feeling like a kid again, the part I had really been dreading, the poetry reading, began.

Being from Illinois, I was not familiar with the work of Indiana poet James Whitcomb Riley. Jared Carter was going to be doing the reading of Riley's work and some of his own. The poem that he began with, though, was from Longfellow. It was entitled "The Day is Done." It captivated me. I found that in some ways I could relate to this poem. It was a truly amazing feeling. I never thought that poetry that was written that long ago could establish a meaning for me.

As Carter continued, I looked around at the faces of the audience and saw that the poetry that he was reading was not only affecting me, but also many of the other people in attendance that night. At the end of the program, Carter began to read poetry from closer to home. The final poem that Carter read was entitled "Rensselaer Revisited." This was a poem written by Carter that compared Indianapolis to Rensselaer. The comparison came about because Carter had done some research on a character known as Little Cousin Jasper who Carter surmised was now a lawyer in Indianapolis. Carter mentioned that he thought Little Cousin Jasper had forgotten Rensselaer, which is why he wrote this poem. Among all the emotions that the poetry reading evoked in me, I also saw a strong sense of community and a great deal of pride from the Rensselaer community members.

I went to the poetry reading because I had to, not because I wanted to. I learned a lot of things, but two in particular stand out in my mind. The first is that poetry doesn't have to be boring. If you find a poem that develops an emotion in you, you are guaranteed to enjoy it. The second thing is that the world is always rushing around and sometimes you have to take time to enjoy the simpler things. Take a break and enjoy the look of autumn. It may remind you of something that was important to you.

Forensics team uses creativity to meet goal

by Breain MaAyteh

Are you one of those students who goes into the cafeteria every day, walks past the table set outside the door and thinks, "Gee, I wonder why that person is just sitting there with a roll of raffle tickets and a fish bowl?" Well, you're not alone. Many students are not aware of the purpose behind this rather odd-looking set-up.

Those students that badger you for your hard- earned money are members of the Forensics team, or to speak in layman's terms, the speech and debate team here at Saint Joe. Their mission? To attend the international forensics tournament in March of 2000. The goal is to raise $8,000, which would be enough to send fifteen of the team's members to the tournament. The money would allow the students to stay for one week at the designated location, and it would pay for airfare, transportation and hotel accomodations. Everything except for the students' meals would be covered by the money they raise. Where this event will actually take place is still uncertain. The location will be selected next month. Possible sites are Geneva or Rio DeJaneiro.

Okay, you might be wondering, What exactly is it that I will get out of all this? The answer? Prizes! For only a dollar per ticket, or six tickets for five dollars, you can be one of the lucky recipients of a Sony portable CD player with car kit. At least, that's October's claim. Last month, Chris Cambell won a set of Sony cordless headphones. Other prizes for future raffles include things like a cappucino/espresso machine and a Sony clock radio. The prize changes each month, and the raffle will go on all year. There will also be special items for special events. For parents' weekend, the team is raffling off a golf bag, full of fun golf stuff that Dad won't be able to keep away from. Bausch and Laumb sunglasses are up for Little 500 weekend and a boogie board will go to the winner of the raffle the month of Spring Break. There's even talk of raffling off a hotel room in Lafayette for Valentine's Day!

Forensics team head coach Maureen Minelli expressed her thanks for the response the raffle has had.

"The support we've received from the SJC community is absolutely incredible," she said. "[The Forensics team] would like to thank everyone for helping us achieve our goal."

So, come on, guys. Skip the HUB one of these days and buy a raffle ticket. What have you got to lose?

LIVING WORLDS APART

Comparing SJC to another school helps one student realize there's no place like home

by Zachary Pala

Over my past Christmas break, I helped one of my friends from home take some things back to his dorm. He attends the University of Illinois at Chicago, just minutes away from the heart of the Windy City itself. The size of the campus is pretty impressive and I couldn't help but compare it to SJC.

As we entered the main floor of the dorm, I immediately noticed how lavishly the interior was decorated. The entire floor was red brick and huge windows circled the room as if it were an airport lounge. There was an area in the center of the room that was filled with enough chairs and couches to accommodate as many people as SJC's mini-lecture hall. I asked my friend if this was his lounge and he said, "No, we have lounges on every floor."

We headed down the hall towards an elevator when I was overtaken by a familiar smell. It was the smell of a food court located in the mall. As we turned the corner, I saw where the smell was coming from. It was the dorm "cafeteria" that contained a Taco Bell, Subway, McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken. I couldn't help but think to myself that we don't even have a Subway in Rensselaer, period, let alone one in our dorms.

As we exited the elevator, we entered a hallway that looked like it belonged in a hotel with its wall-to-wall carpeting and ice machines. After seeing this, I could not help feeling a little cheated. This dormitory was just as nice as our beloved Core building. I actually started doubting myself and the college I had chosen to attend. Maybe I had made a mistake choosing to attend a small private school instead of a state school.

Then we came to my friend's room. I could not believe how big it seemed. However, in reality it was not much bigger than the dorm rooms at SJC. It was just really empty. All that was in it were two beds and two desks. Besides the carpeting and few posters on the walls, it looked like the vacant dorm room I was shown at my freshman orientation.

As I helped my friend unpack his things, I asked him if he ever thought about getting a couch or something for his room. What does he do when friends stop by, I wondered. "I really don't need one," he told me. "People really don't stop by here that much. Hell, I don't even know that many people on the floor."

I felt that last comment he made was really odd. I am not a social butterfly by any means, but I still know the names of everyone in my dorm. Then I started realizing other things that were extremely different from a dorm at SJC. For instance, he had to use a key to get into everything including the bathroom. The halls were extremely quiet, and not one person stopped in to welcome him back or ask if he had a good break. The whole atmosphere was very unsociable. After a while, it started to remind me of a library.

As we were leaving, my friend said something to me that caught me totally by surprise. He said, "It's nothing like your school here. When I came down to visit you, I couldn't believe how much was going on in your dorms. It seems like people just go here to study."

> "True, SJC is not the most glamorous school in the world. [But] it is a place where you develop your communication skills and make good friends."

After that, I no longer felt cheated. I actually felt kind of fortunate. True, SJC is not the most glamorous school in the world. We do not have a Taco Bell in our cafeteria or plush lounges. However, we do not live in solitary confinement either. SJC dorm life is filled with people stopping in your room to say hello and friends sitting around together watching their favorite television show. It is a place where you develop you communication skills and make good friends. Dorm life at SJC is one of the best aspects of the school. Someone once told me that college is the place where you will make the friends you will have for the rest of your life. Here at SJC, that is a reality.

Games Ahead

October 23

7:00 PM Women's Volleyball at Lewis University

October 24

Cross Country Great Lakes Valley Conference
At Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
Trustees Meeting

Football at Georgetown (KY)

12:00 PM Men's Soccer at Wisconsin Parkside

2:00 PM Women's Volleyball at Wisconsin-Parkside

2:30 PM Women's Soccer at Wisconsin-Parkside

October 27

5:00 PM Men's Soccer verse Indianapolis

7:00PM Women's Soccer verse IPFW

7:00 PM Women's Soccer verse Indianapolis

October 30

7:00 PM Women's Volleyball verse So-IL-Edwardsville

October 31

2:00 PM Men's Soccer at Franklin

2:00 PM Women's Volleyball verse U. of Indianapolis

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Courtesy of Joe Danahey

Photo by Ann O'Donnell

Senior Charlie Schalliol will be playing November 7th at home against Valapariso University

One Last Season For the Road

By Jamie Riberto

Senior captain, Charlie Schalliol has been playing football for twelve years. This year is his last collegiate year. Charlie is a senior communications major from Mishawaka, Indiana, plays center for the Pumas. He chose Saint Joseph's College because it is a small close knit campus. "I like the fact that it is a small atmosphere and St. Joseph's offered me the most money and of course this is where they filmed Brian's Song."

Charlie decided football was the sport for him because, "Football is the only sport that slow fat guys can excel at." His best game at Saint Joseph's was this year's homecoming game versus Quincy.

"I had the chance to administer a lot of physical pain, and I had a good time playing" Schalliol stated.

Charlie's family is his biggest supporter when it comes to football. They have not missed a game yet and Charlie feels that he plays for them. His older brother Bill admires Charlie and his style of play.

"We have watched Charlie play since he was in fifth grade, and this year he looks like he is having a lot of fun, probably the most ever since he started playing. His tough style of play is due to living with an older brother and being "beat on" Bill stated.

Charlie will not settle for anything but the very best. His personal goal for the '98 season is to get a hundred and fifty knockdowns. His hopes for the team will knock off a good division one school and play like the team is capable of playing.

Charlie feels that Dick Butkus is the best football player in history because of his intensity on the field. He is also a big fan of the Chicago Bears "I love the Chicago Bears. Even though they are bad, you gotta love them" Schalliol said enthusiastically.

Charlie's plans for after graduation include getting a job, and a house and getting married. He would like to coach peewee football in the future.

"Football is not about winning or losing; it's about having fun and so far in my four years I have had fun" Schalliol commented.

Charlie is not only admired by many but he admires his teammates, especially Todd Wilkerson and Marty Costello.

"They know that their playing time is limited but they come out and play with a lot of heart and to me that is admirable" Schalliol stated.

Senior teammate Ryan Gandurski feels that Charlie is a valuable part of the team.

"Charlie is very determined offensive lineman. He is a valuable asset toward our team because of his leadership and football skills that he brings to the field" Gandurski stated.

Last Tournament For the Golf Season

By Marcy Janjecic

Fore! The 1998 women s fall golf season came to a culmination with the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship that was held at Purdue s Ackerman Hills Course on October 5 and 6. The women finished fifth in the tournament with a two-day combined score of 738. Senior Marcy Janjecic and freshman Beth Jerzyk both lead the Pumas with a score of 186.
The members of the team are looking forward to their spring season, which will commence in late March at Bellarmine's Invitational in Louisville Kentucky. According to junior Chrissy Staffan,"We had a great season and finished strong. I am looking forward to next season. Unfortunately we will not have two of our top scorers. But I have confidence that if we all work hard and put some time into our game we can have another strong season." Coach Rick Mangas was very pleased with the season's outcome and is very optimistic about the spring season. "I am happy with the play that we had this season. Almost everyone improved their average from the previous season and we should be very competitive in the spring and in our conference," commented Coach Mangas.

Congratulations to the women's golf team on a successful season and good luck in the spring and future!

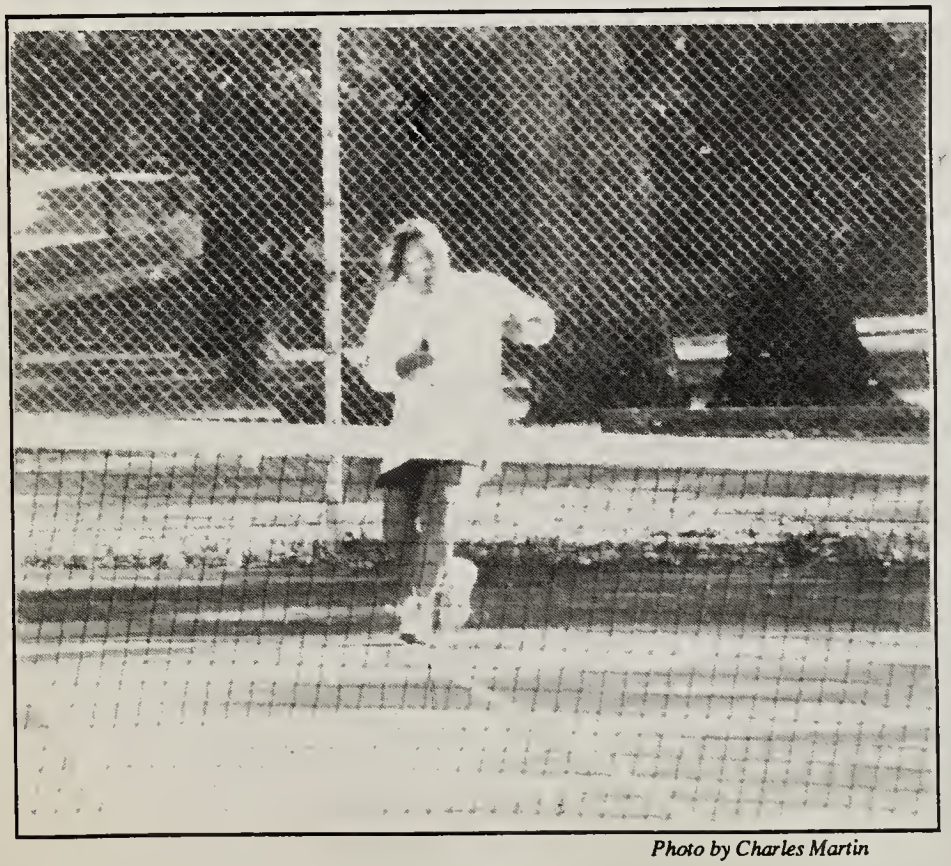


Photo by Charles Martin

Kim Riccardo practices for the GLVC tournament

"A Slam Dunk"

by Jon Szabo

Jordan approached the lane,
gaining more and more speed with each giant step,
and with a piston-like thrust his feet left the ground
his body on its way towards the basket,
and pausing only for an instant to bring the ball around,
cocked the ball next to his head,
appearing to be suspended in air for a fraction of a second,
extended his arm,
and powerfully drove the ball through the rim
and back down to Earth,
and followed closely behind.

Congratulations Are in Order!

By Tami Hart

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association has announced that the 1998 Saint Joseph's College softball team had the third highest grade point average in the NCAA division II last season.

NFCA All-American Scholar Athletes

Shanna Arnold	Angie Moster
Katie Corrigan	Sharon Rhyne
Amy Creager	Heidi Wieland
Kristy Langen	Candice Layman

1998 All-Great Lakes Valley Conference Team has named senior women's tennis player Jennifer Silva to the team.

Great Lakes Valley Conference has named junior women's soccer forward Mary Reid player of the week. Reid scored 11 points on three goals in five asssists as she helped the Pumas improve to a 11-1-1 overall.

The men's Golf team finished ninth place at the Great Lakes Valley Conference with a three-round score of 968. The top five earned ALl-GLVC honors. They included Kevin Knaust, Clay Scagnoli, Josh Lenk, and Ken Thomas.
The Women's golf team finished in 5th place with a two round score of 738.

The Women's Basketball Coaches Associaion named Saint Joseph's College number 7th on the Academic Team Honor Roll

Movie Review: A Night at the Roxbury
By Heather Hagan

A Night at the Roxbury is juvenile, ridiculous, and totally improbable...and it's hilarious. The movie stars Saturday Night Live cast members Chris Kattan and Will Ferrell and is based upon the popular SNL skit in which two club-hopping morons dance their way through an endless number of night clubs to the beat of the ever-so-annoying song, "What is Love?" One might wonder how it would be possible to make an entire movie out of such a one-note skit. Let me assure you, it is possible.

The premise of this movie is that the two brothers, Doug and Steve, dream of opening up the ultimate night club which has an outside as cool as the inside. This dream is sparked by the many nights they have spent waiting to get inside the Roxbury, the club of all clubs.

Throughout the movie, many other SNL members crop up, Molly Shannon and Colin Quinn being the most prominent. The acting is less than inspired, but you can't expect much more from a movie of this nature. And although the plot is quite a stretch, the end result is a very funny movie. If you go into it with the right attitude and don't expect any kind of intellectual stimulation, then you should come out laughing.

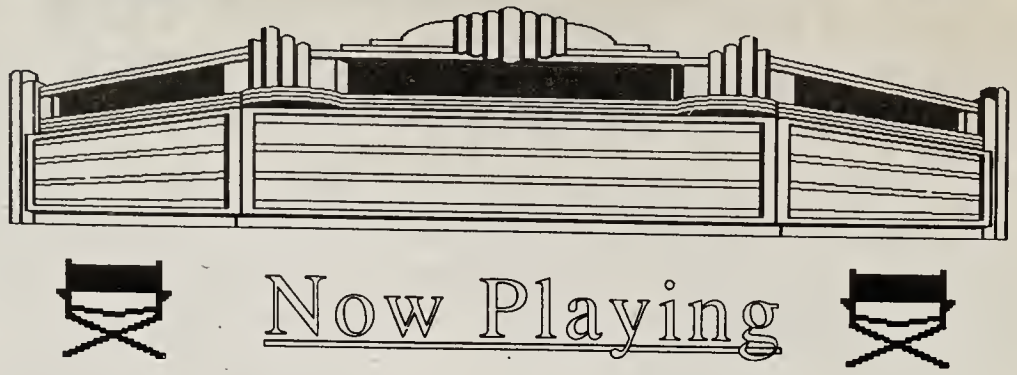
Autumn Art

Sensing

Dark and desperate cry is heard over the stillness
Wanting only a little protection
Enveloping loneliness to the center of its core
Needing someone to care, like a mother would
Giving everything to be heard over the static
Ending without hope into an audible existence
Remember...do you hear it?
By Tami Hart

Underdressed

I stand there
Naked and helpless
Feeling the wind rip through my body.
As the knives penetrate my skin I pull my parka tighter.
But I am no match for the autumn air
And I succumb to its icy caress.
Casting out my arms I am enveloped in Demeter's Sadness
As her tears swirl down around my body
and land, dying, at my feet.
Red green gold.



DON'T WAKE UP AND MISS THIS DREAM
by Don Shanahan

Welcome back movie buffs, for the year's first Observer movie reviews. For my first review I'm going to look at the romantic drama What Dreams May Come which debuted at theaters on October 2. In the tradition of Ghost and City of Angels, I've found the most thought-provoking date movie anyone can watch. This movie will have you thinking and talking about death, love, heaven, and hell for weeks on end. I'm still buzzed by it and can't wait to see it again.

What Dreams May Come is directed Vincent Ward and stars recent Academy Award winners Robin Williams (Good Will Hunting) and Cuba Gooding, Jr. (Jerry Maguire). It has been described as Dante meets Ghost with its separated-by-death love story. Williams plays Chris Nielsen, a stable pediatrician and husband. He and his artist wife, Annie, played by the luminous Annabella Sciorra, are a working married couple who four years earlier lost both of their children in a fatal car accident. Despite facing this hardship, they remain deeply in love. Unexpectedly, while helping people in need, Chris is also dies in a freak automobile accident.

Life doesn't end for Chris as he wanders through the afterlife guided by a helpful spirit named Albert (Gooding, Jr.). After coming to terms that he is in fact dead, Chris ascends to his own personal heaven. In heaven, souls create their own surroundings and eternity. Heaven to Chris is one of Annie's paintings brought to life, paint and all. With Albert's guidance, he learns to further create his own surroundings and even learns to fly. Heaven is a blissful paradise for Chris except for one thing-- Annie.

Chris cannot cope with the fact that he is forever separated from his soul mate, Annie. Likewise on earth, Annie, after facing her childrens' deaths, is now pushed over the edge with the recent death of her husband. Overcome with grief, Annie kills herself, but instead of joining Chris in heaven, she is banished to hell because of her suicide. Chris learns of this and abandons heaven to rescue Annie even though no one has ever made it back from hell. Can true love prevail across heaven and hell to bring these two soul mates together? Will Chris and Annie ever get back to heaven? You'll of course have to watch the movie and find out.

What Dreams May Come is arguably the most visually beautiful movie I have ever seen. The whopping settings of both painted heaven and demonically gothic hell are incredibly detailed and powerful thanks to some $80 million dollars in special effects. This is the way special effects should always be used instead of crazy explosions and twin asteroids.

Outside of the spectacular scenery, the movie is also a heart-tugging love story. I got pretty misty-eyed for a while at the end! This crushing emotion is due to the incredible performance of Robin Williams. Williams, with this romantic performance in addition to his Oscar winning role in Good Will Hunting, is proving to be just as good a dramatic actor as he is a comic actor --maybe even better. Fellow Oscar winner Cuba Gooding, Jr. is perfect as the sentimental confidant of Chris. His performance is both funny and meaningful.

Most of all, What Dreams May Come is thought-provoking with its takes on heaven, hell, and true love. You don't have to be a devout religious church-goer to understand what the movie presents. In fact, it will make you question your own faith and soul regardless of your beliefs. What Dreams May Come gets the full four stars from me and I recommend it to anyone, young and old, who is looking for an intelligent movie experience or anyone who wants to be dazzled visually by incredible special effects.